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BRIEFS E-Mail messages outrage networkers Insition loses at the heart trade dispute

Computer users across the nation received white supremacist messages Monday through the electronic mail account of a professor at Texas A&M University-Cor-

Grady Blount, a professor of environ-mental science at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi, said someone stole his Internet password and broke into his E-Mail account Sunday night to send 20,000 racist

The messages urged readers to send "minority parasites packing to fend for themselves" and condemns community development funding as support for black

The message, titled "Free Money" and signed "Crusader," said the federal government funds "80 IQ welfare mothers" and "Lowigh arganized wielfare mothers"

ments, community centers, swimming pools, etc.," the message said.

Blount said he has received harsh responses, including death threats, from 1,000 E-Mail users who thought he was the

Blount said many of those responses indicate that people believe he is a professor at Texas A&M University.

The messages say things like, You Aggies, I always knew y'all were a bunch of racist rednecks, and now we have proof,

"Outside of Texas, everyone just recognizes the A&M part. I want everyone to know that those racist messages have nothing to do with the A&M System at all. The messages resemble a flier produced

by the white supremacist group National Alliance in Mills Point, West Virginia. Franklin Pierce, the founder of National Alliance, said he was unaware of the message. Pierce said his group did not send the electronic message, but a group member could be responsible.

Blount said there is little hope of identifying the message's sender.

"The sender was logged on in Wisconsin late Sunday, early Monday," Blount said. "Someone at the university noticed a large amount of messages being sent out and checked on it. When they saw what the message was, they cut the sender off."

The sender came into A&M at Corpus Christi's computer network from the University of Texas at Austin and sent the message out from Corpus Christi, Blount

"They could be in Bangladesh and log on to UT-Austin and log off in Corpus Christi," Blount said, "or they could've been sitting right here on this island."

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stern stars The Gatlin Brothers. Big change leads to big stress," Eric Cipriano, 33, of the 528th mbat Stress Control Detachment m Fort Bragg, S.C., said ursday. "We want to make sure at people understand that suicide a permanent solution to a porary problem.

Bush, Richards to old televised debate

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas gunatorial candidates, separated by ingle percentage point in the most ent opinion poll, head to Dallas day night for a televised debate. The prime-time showdown on

only face-to-face meeting been Democratic Gov. Ann Richards d Republican challenger George Bush before the Nov. 8 election. U.S.-Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison d Democratic nominee Richard ner also will debate, the second three such sessions in their cam-

The event consists of separate, e-hour programs for each race beinning at 8 p.m.

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MONTREAL (AP) - A test for own syndrome that can be done a month earlier than the standard thod of finding fetal abnormalities as proved safe in a study of more an 150,000 women, researchers orted Thursday.

Some research had suggested at the test, chorionic villus impling, or CVS, could slightly brease the risk of birth defects. But study found no evidence of that. Amniocentesis, the standard test, es not provide results until the th to 16th week of pregnancy. VS can help ease parents' fears ier; it provides results in the 10th

ek of pregnancy. The findings are important cause demand for the test, which now available in many large, earch hospitals, is likely to grow other advances in genetics rease its usefulness, said one of e study's authors, Dr. Laird ackson of Thomas Jefferson iversity in Philadelphia.

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messages nationwide.

"The more time passes, the madder I get," Blount said. "They're trying to stir up

racial strife between people. They're trying to stir up racial strife in us."

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"Jewish organized crime gangs."

"And if you burn down your own neighborhood when a court decision doesn't go your way, don't worry. Truckloads of mon-ey will soon arrive to build you new breeding colonies - er, I mean houses, apart-

Bowen: decision on multiculturalism to wait until requirement understood

By Amanda Fowle THE BATTALION

Incidents of racism at Texas A&M have sparked concern about the status of a multicul-

turalism class requirement.

Last November, the Faculty
Senate approved a U.S. Cultures and International Requirement for all students. The requirement is now awaiting President Bowen's approval.

Dr. Mark Weichold, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said the Senate spent a long time working on the proposal.
"We tried to prevent prob-

lems that other universities have had with their multiculturalism requirements," he said. "Our proposal represents lots of compromises.

Weichold said that many people who disagreed with the course requirement did not understand it.

The proposal requires students to take one three-hour class to meet a U.S. Cultures requirement and one threehour class to meet an Interna-

Weichold said that some people thought that only one class would be offered to meet the requirement, but there are about 250 classes to chose from.

"If you had the entire student body required to take a single course," he said, "you face the problem of students being subjected to a particular political agenda.

Weichold said that the requirement will not add any

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Houston

Pipeline

explosion

Gulf of Mexico

HOUSTON (AP) — Leaking gasoline from a ruptured interstate pipeline exploded Thursday, sending 100-foot flames snaking across an already flooded San Jacinto River.

"It looked like hell opened up on the water and the whole river was gasoline," said Mike Norman, who was on the riverbank trying to retrieve his sailboat from the river when the explosion occurred about 10:20 a.m.

The explosion at the mouth of the nation's interstate pipeline network known as "The Spaghetti Bowl" also caused gasoline future prices to jump in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"At this point, we believe the force of the floodwaters caused the pipeline to break, that is the best information we have right now," said Ed Schaefer, assistant coordinator for the Texas Department of Public Safety's emer-

gency management division. Norman said he smelled gas an hour before he

saw a house explode, setting off an inferno on the river's surface that was sheened with gasoline. "The house exploded and it started down to

the water and it went all over," Norman said. "The whole river was cascading into flames." He estimated he was about 400 yards away from the explosion.

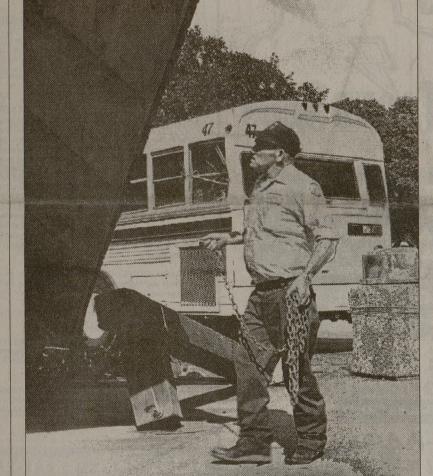
The area already had been evacuated because of the floods, although six area schools were emptied today after the explosion. There were three loud booms

and then an immediate black cloud," said a witness, Doug Trowbridge. "It just began to spread like wildfire."

Although no deaths or serious injuries were immediately reported, television footage showed mobile homes and boats ablaze.

Widely separated columns of smoke could also be seen throughout the forested area lining the river.

"This is not unusual for a flood," said Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, in Houston to observe the flood damage. "We have seen this in other parts of the country where you have massive flooding and pipes are hit, tanks get loose and you have ruptures and you have explosions. So this is not atypical in that sense.'



Kim Smith/Special to THE BATTALION

Who put that hut there?

An A&M physical plant employee works to remove the wreckage left after a bus ran into the hut near Fish Pond Thursday afternoon.

Store's decision to sell liquor gets favorable response from customers

By Stephanie Dube THE BATTALION

Randall's Food and Drug store's decision to sell beer and wine has been a profitable one for the College Station store.

Bill Tusing, assistant store director of the Randall's in College Station, said since the store began selling beer and wine Sept. 16. business has boomed There has been a great increase

in business since we began selling beer and wine," Tusing said. "It was a business decision based on convenience, competition, and customer needs. A survey of College Station Randall's customers indicated 79 percent of

the people surveyed wanted the store to carry beer and wine, Tusing said. Since the beer and wine were first of-fered, the store has received approximately 20 pleased comments for every

complaint issued, he said. Tusing said customers did not want to buy their groceries at Randall's and then have to go to another store to purchase their beer or wine. The decision was meant to make shop-

ping more convenient for the customers, he said. Cindy Garbs, corporate vice president of public relations for Randall's Food Market Inc., said the Randall's in College Station is not the first Randall's to sell beer and wine.

In 1992, Randall's took over the Austin Tom

Thumb stores, Garbs said. Because beer and wine were already being sold at these stores, Randall's continued to sell the products, she said. The stores also did this when Randall's took over AppleTree in Austin.

"College Station is the first original Randall's store to sell beer and wine," Garbs said.
Garbs said there has been a strong demand in all the Randall's stores for beer and wine.

"A good percent of people are pleased with our decision," she said. "There are people who have been disappointed in the decision, but they understand the business reasons for it.

Before the College Station Randall's began selling beer and wine, stores in Austin, Dallas, and Fort Worth were already selling them, Garbs said. College Station began selling before Houston because of geographic

reasons only, she said. "We just picked up College Station on the way into Houston," Garbs said. Originally, Randall's stores did not sell beer and wine for personal rather than

religious reasons, Garbs said. "It was a personal reason with the founder and CEO Bob Onstead," Garbs said. "A family member had a difficulty with alcoholism which caused family heartache.

Onstead and his two business partners agreed, when they began the first two Randall's stores in 1966, not to sell beer and wine in respect for Bob Onstead's family member, she said.

Israel seals Gaza Strip, West Bank after bombing

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - As anguished Israelis on Thursday buried their dead from the Tel Aviv bus bombing, authorities ordered sweeping arrests of suspected terrorists and sealed the autonomous Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank.

Facing public demands for a crackdown on militants in the wake of Wednesday's bombing, the government also ordered the demolition of the home of a Palestinian suspected in the suicide attack that killed 21

The fledgling self-rule government in Gaza deplored the decision prevent Palestinians from going to work in Israel as collective punishment that could slow the peace process

"This is an attempt to make the Palestinian people kneel down," said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Speaking at a ceremony for fallen soldiers Thursday evening, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed Israel will outlive the Islamic fundamentalists who seek its destruction.

"To those who are trying to harm us, the kidnappers and gunmen and

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West Bank and Gaza Strip closed off

Following the tragic bombing of a commuter bus in Tel Aviv, the Israeli Cabinet approved the unlimited closure of the two Palestinian autonomous regions on Thursday. The closure denies 65,000 Palestinians entry permits to Israel, keeping them from their jobs.

Other measures being considered:

Jailing Hamas activists without a

Wrecking or sealing homes of Hamas activists.

International campaign to cut off donations to Hamas from the U.S., Britain, Iran and other countries.



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